STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TARRANT CITY OF GRAPEVINE

The Board of Zoning Adjustment for the City of Grapevine, Texas, met on Monday evening, August 5, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the Planning and Zoning Conference Room, 2nd Floor, 200 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas, for a Briefing Session with the following members present to wit:

George Dalton
Tracey Dierolf
John Sheppard
Doug Anderson
Ben Johnson
Jonathan Gaspard
John Borley

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Secretary
Member
Member
Alternate
Alternate

constituting a quorum, with City Council Representative Sharron Rogers absent. Also present was Alternate City Council Representative Leon Leal and the following City Staff:

Ron Stombaugh

Development Services Assistant Director

Albert Triplett

Planner II

Connie Cook

Development Services Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman George Dalton called the Briefing Session of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to order at approximately 6:00 P.M.

OATH OF OFFICE

Connie Cook administered the Oath of Office to reappointed Vice Chairman, Tracey Dierolf, Secretary, John Sheppard and newly appointed Alternate, John Borley.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

For office of Chairman, John Sheppard nominated Tracey Dierolf. Jonathan Gaspard seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dalton, Sheppard, Johnson, Anderson, Gaspard, Borley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Abstain:

Dierolf

Tracey Dierolf was elected as Chairman.

For office of Vice-Chairman, Jonathan Gaspard nominated John Sheppard. George Dalton seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Dalton, Johnson, Anderson, Gaspard, Borley

Navs: Absent: None

None

Abstain:

Sheppard

John Sheppard was elected as Vice-Chairman.

For office of Secretary, George Dalton nominated Ben Johnson, John Sheppard, seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Dalton, Anderson, Gaspard, Borley

Navs:

None

Absent: Abstain:

Johnson

Ben Johnson was elected as Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Albert Triplett briefed the Board of Zoning Adjustment regarding the item scheduled to be heard in the regular public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, John Sheppard made a motion to adjourn. George Dalton seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson, Gaspard, Borley

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

The Briefing Session was adjourned at approximately 6:18 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

APPROVED:

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF TARRANT CITY OF GRAPEVINE

The Board of Zoning Adjustment for the City of Grapevine, Texas, met in regular session, Monday evening, August 5, 2019, at 6:15 P.M., in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 200 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas with the following members present:

Tracey Dierolf
John Sheppard
Ben Johnson
Doug Anderson
George Dalton
John Borley

Chairman
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Alternate
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constituting a quorum, with City Council Representative Sharron Rogers absent. Also present was Alternate City Council Representative Leon Leal and the following City Staff:

Ron Stombaugh
Albert Triplett
Connie Cook

Development Services Assistant Director
Planner II
Development Services Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Tracey Dierolf called the Public Hearing Session of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to order at approximately 6:24 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT CASE BZA19-04, LEMOINE WRIGHT, 729 FOREST STREET

The first item for the Board of Zoning Adjustment to consider was BZA19-04 submitted by Lemoine Wright for property located at 729 Forest Street, platted as Lots 1-R, Block 6, W.C. Lucas Addition.

Section 15.G.4., "R-7.5" Single Family District, Area Regulations requires a minimum lot width of 65-feet. The applicant requested a variance of five-feet (5') to this requirement allowing a lot width of 60-feet (60') for an existing lot.

Mr. Stombaugh explained that Staff found a special condition existed for the requested variance. Specifically, the subject site was an existing platted lot, platted initially in 1962 which was in compliance with the zoning ordinance at that time. The City's first zoning ordinance adopted in 1955 established a minimum lot width of 60 feet for any lot used

as a "one family" residence. The City's second zoning ordinance (Ordinance 70-10) adopted in April 1970, amended the minimum lot with for single family dwellings increasing it to 65 feet.

Mr. Stombaugh stated that an amended plat was submitted relative to the subject property showing the extent of a floodplain easement along the rear (western) portion of the property. Despite the floodplain area occupying approximately 25 percent of the lot, there still remains nearly 15,000 square feet of the lot for residential development. The "R-7.5" Single Family District required a minimum 7,500 square feet for a single family lot. No other variances were required for the development of this lot.

With no questions for Mr. Stombaugh, property owner, Lemoine Wright of 601 W. Wall Street, Grapevine, Texas, took the Oath of Truth: he gave a brief presentation to the Board and requested favorable consideration of his request and offered to answer any questions of the Board.

With no questions for Mr. Wright, Julie Stratman of 715 Forest Street, Grapevine, Texas, took the Oath of Truth: she presented neighborhood concerns to the Board regarding drainage from subject property as well as an area at the end of the block that was not owned by any individual or the city and nothing had been done to take care of drainage issues it caused. She also expressed concerns the impact of additional construction would have in the area on such a narrow lot.

Chairman Dierolf suggested they contact city engineers regarding drainage issues that had been discussed. Ron Stombaugh explained that a popular zoning in the city was R-5.0 a 50 foot by 100 foot lot with a required six-foot (6') side yard setback.

An additional speaker, Brooks Smalley, took the Oath of Truth: she presented photos to the Board regarding the unclaimed area at the end of the street.

Discussion continued regarding drainage issues and the effect of the unclaimed property at the end of the street.

Ron Stombaugh stated that their concerns were drainage issues and encouraged them to contact Senior Civil Engineer, Paul Lee in the Public Works Department.

Vice-Chairman, Sheppard, explained the purpose of the Board in regards to the special exception being requested. He further explained that the Board had nothing to do with what the builder / developer would do.

Chairman Dierolf, stated that the Board's purpose was to determine if a special condition existed for the variance requested and if city's ordinances allowed the Board to grant a variance.

Discussion continued as Ms. Stratman and additional neighbors voiced their concerns regarding drainage, the unclaimed property at the end of the street, removal of trees, fencing, density and public interest.

Member, George Dalton, stated that the Board could deny a request if it was self-imposed but if it were not self-imposed the Board could not deny it. The applicant did not make the lot 60-feet wide, that was done in the 1950's, and he did not make the law in the 1970's that changed it to 65-feet. It was not self-imposed so legally the Board could not deny the applicants request.

With no further questions and no additional speakers, John Sheppard made a motion to close the public hearing. George Dalton seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

George Dalton made a motion that a special condition existed for the requested special exception. Specifically, the subject site was an existing platted lot, platted initially in 1962 which was in compliance with the zoning ordinance at that time. The City's first zoning ordinance adopted in 1955 established a minimum lot width of 60 feet for any lot used as a "one family" residence. The City's second zoning ordinance (Ordinance 70-10) adopted in April 1970, amended the minimum lot with for single family dwellings increasing it to 65 feet. Ben Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

John Sheppard then made a motion to grant the following special exception to "R-7.5" Single Family District, Area Regulations: Section 15.G.4., allowing a lot width of 60-feet (60') for an existing lot. Ben Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT CASE BZA19-05, STEPHEN PORCARI, 218 RUTH STREET

The next item for the Board of Zoning Adjustment to consider was BZA19-05 submitted by Stephen Porcari for property located at 218 Ruth Street, platted as the North 65' of Lot 3, Block 1, D.E. Box Addition.

Section 43.E.3., "Nonconforming Uses and Structures allows the Board of Zoning Adjustment to approve the remodeling and/or enlargement of a nonconforming use. The applicant requested the existing residential structure to remain as developed along with an expansion as shown on the plot plan.

Mr. Triplett explained that Staff found a special condition existed for the requested special exception. Specifically, the subject site was an existing developed lot, and the existing structure was built in 1952 predating the City's first zoning ordinance adopted in 1955. Currently and as proposed the site was noncompliant with the current Zoning Ordinance (82-73) relative to the required six-foot (6') foot side yard setback adjacent to the north and south property lines. The proposed expansion of the dwelling did not exacerbate the existing side yard setback adjacent to north and south property lines of approximately four (4') feet and five (5') feet respectively.

With no questions for Mr. Triplett, Stephen Porcari, of 218 Ruth Street, Grapevine, Texas, took the Oath of Truth; he gave a brief presentation to the Board and requested favorable consideration of his request and offered to answer any questions of the Board.

With no questions for Mr. Porcari and no additional speakers, John Sheppard made a motion to close the public hearing. Dough Anderson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays: None Absent: None

John Sheppard made a motion that a special condition existed for the requested special exception. Specifically, the subject site was an existing developed lot, and the existing structure was built in 1952 predating the City's first zoning ordinance adopted in 1955. Currently and as proposed the site was noncompliant with the current Zoning Ordinance (82-73) relative to the required six-foot (6') foot side yard setback adjacent to the north and south property lines. The proposed expansion of the dwelling did not exacerbate the existing side yard setback adjacent to north and south property lines of approximately four (4') feet and five (5') feet respectively. George Dalton seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays: None Absent: None

John Sheppard then made a motion to grant the following special exception with regard to Section 43.E.3, Nonconforming Uses and Structures allowing the existing residential structure to remain as developed along with an expansion as shown on the plot plan. Ben Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays: Absent: None None

MINUTES

Next the Board of Zoning Adjustment considered the minutes of the April 1, 2019, Briefing Session and Public Hearing.

John Sheppard made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2019, Briefing Session. Ben Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

John Sheppard made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 1, 2019, Public Hearing. Ben Johnson seconded the motion which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None None

Absent:

ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion, George Dalton made a motion to adjourn. Doug Anderson seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes:

Dierolf, Sheppard, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:06 P.M.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT OF THE CITY OF GRAPEVINE, TEXAS, ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

APPROVED:

CHAIR

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